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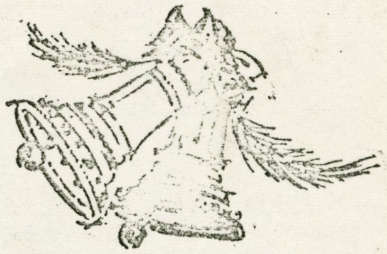

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MARAC MEETING AT BALTIMORE MAY 4 & 5

MARAC's 1973 Spring meeting will be hosted by the Maryland Historical Society on May 4 and 5 at the Holiday Inn in beautiful downtown Baltimore, it has been learned here. Mary Boccaccio, University of Maryland archivist, was given responsibility at the Columbus SAA meeting to form a local arrangements committee to firm up the locale. "Baltimore is centrally located for all forms of transportation, and it turned out cheaper than the other places we looked at," reports Mary.

Ms. Boccaccio reports also that the program format for the Spring meeting will not vary much from that at Wilmington. Planning to concentrate on small institutions, the Program committee, not yet selected by Steering Committee chairman Pete Silverman, will plan sessions that are geared to functions of both archives and manuscript collections.

Though a balance of both basic and advanced interests will be worked into the program, a great deal of it will be of the basic variety, and practical solutions. Peter plans to send a questionnaire out to the membership for ideas about sessions, and for volunteers to chair them. All members are asked to respond, and to volunteer their experience and specific expertise.

MARAC TO FIRM BY-LAWS, CONSTITUTION

Peter Silverman, Steering Committee Chairman, has appointed a committee to explore the combinations for writing a constitution and by-laws for MARAC. The committee will be Mike Plunkett, University of Virginia Library; Mary Boccaccio, University of Maryland Library/Archives; and Nancy Zembala, Archives of American Art. Peter stressed informality for the organization, in keeping with the spirit of the committee system, used so far in MARAC. Pete has asked the MID-ATLANTIC ARCHIVIST to publish a draft of the committee's work prior to the Spring meeting in Baltimore.

MARAC HOLDS LUNCHEON IN COLUMBUS FOR LARGEST GROUP

Almost 100 persons attended the MARAC luncheon at the recent SAA Columbus meeting. Local Arrangements Chairman David Larson advised the MID-ATLANTIC ARCHIVIST that the attendance was larger than any other regional group. Not only that. Most of those present responded to an informal survey by MARAC Treasurer Nancy Zembala, that they had not yet joined us. Pete Silverman spoke to the group for about fifteen minutes of the advantages of membership. Nancy reports many joiners as a result. Keep joining.

NOSE BUT NO NEWS

Your newsletter staff desperately needs news from YOU. Unless we hear from you, we'll never know whether or not you are satisfied. Please write to the committee, which is divided up functionally as follows:

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A WORD OF THANKS

The Newsletter Committee wishes to thank Mary Boccaccio and Elsie Freivogel for their energy and determination by starting the publication of the first issue (Vol I, Nr1) of the MID-ATLANTIC ARCHIVIST. We consider them to be our editorial board.

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PLEA FOR IDEAS AND NAMES

Dr Frank Evans, SAA Program Chairman for 1973, requests that anyone with new and timely ideas about sessions for next year's meeting, or with suggestions for persons who might appear on the program, contact him at the following address:

Dr Frank Evans
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Washington, DC 20408

INSTITUTIONAL SPOTLIGHT

The Archives of the University of Maryland is located in the Maryland Room of the University Library, on the main campus at College Park. It is a collection involving a variety of holdings, divided between archival and manuscript materials and printed matter. Presently, the Archives is inventorying the inactive record holdings of the main campus and developing records retention schedules. Some of the record series have already been transferred to the Archives, accessioned and processed, while many other series remain to be inventoried.

Larger in volume than the Archives are the holdings of personal and organizational papers and manuscripts. The manuscripts cover the period 1750-1900 and consist of land plats, indentures, correspondance, ledgers, historical pamphlets, and treatises. Personal papers and organizational collections document the political and social history of the State of Maryland. Such collections include the papers of Millard Tydings, the Maryland League of Women Voters, and the Preston Family.

The other collecting area is printed matter, state documents, and monographs. These items are now regularly accessioned since the Room was designated by the State of Maryland as a deposit library for all State agencies. The monograph collection is not limited by any subject area or time period, and is maintained as completely as possible.

But the major collections are supplemented by smaller collections of maps, gazeteers, local county papers, photographs, and slides. This year the Room has been engaged in a cooperative microfilming project of local newspapers with three other libraries in the State. While proceeding slowly, the project is open to expansion. Maryland Room is constantly enlarging, and at present, its unused energies are being aimed toward undocumented segments of Maryland's history.

MID-ATLANTIC DEFINITIONS

Archives (1) The noncurrent records of an organization preserved because of their value; (2) the agency responsible for selecting, preserving, and making available archival materials; (3) the building or part of a building where such materials are located, as, an archival depository. As a noun, the term is not acceptable in the singular. As a verb, the term is unacceptable, both transitive and intransitive.

Accretion (in Canadian usage: Accrual) An addition to an accession, usually not involving a separate appraisal.

Appraisal (1) archivist: the archival process of determining the value and thus the retention period for records based upon their current administrative, legal, and fiscal use, their evidential and informational value, their arrangement, and their relationship to other records; (2) manuscript dealer: the act of determining the fair market or other value of manuscripts, papers, or archives, usually carried out by a qualified expert willing to attest to his evaluation.

Alienation The act of transferring custody or ownership of records to an agency or person not officially related to the institution or agency whose records are involved. Do not use term for MISFILE.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

The Twenty-Eighth Institute: Introduction to Modern Archives Administration, will be held at the National Archives Building, March 19 through 30, 1973. The Institute will be directed by Dr. Frank B. Evans, Assistant to the Archivist of the United States, with Dr Edward L. Weldon, Editor of the AMERICAN ARCHIVIST, serving as Assistant Director. The institute will feature a faculty of experts in all phases of work with archives and manuscripts, and is offered as a professional service by the National Archives. It is accredited by the Department of History of the American University, and is cosponsored by the Library of Congress and the Maryland Hall of Records. Inquiries should be addressed to:

Department of History
Twenty-Eighth Archives Institute
The American University
Washington, DC 20016, or
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Carl M. Barker and Matthew H. Fox. Classified Files: The Yellowing Pages; A Report on the Scholar's Access to Government Documents. New York 1972.
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FREE from John M. Kinney, Texas State Archivist, Texas State Library, Austin, PO Box 12927, Capitol Station, 78711: Directory of State and Provincial Archivists, 1972

FREE from your state representative on the Steering Committee, or from the MID-ATLANTIC ARCHIVIST: Extra copies of Volume I, Number 1, SAA issue, October 1972. While the supply lasts.

FREE from your state representative on the Steering Committee: the MARAC Membership Roster.

NEWSLETTER SEEKS SLOGAN

Recently, it has come to the attention of the MID-ATLANTIC ARCHIVIST, that one David Horn, the Editor of a publication called The New Archivist, (Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana), has announced a slogan, "archiva archivorum gratia," which he claims to have loosely translated as "archives can be fun." Can't MARAC do better than that?

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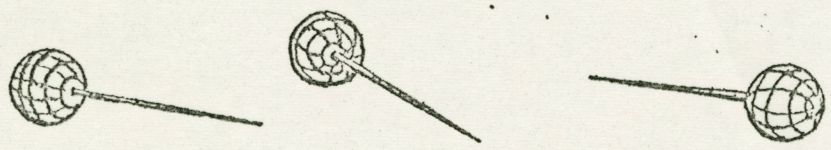

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